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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT RELIEF FROM THE 1970S BAN ON EXPORTING CRUDE OIL SO THAT NEW MEXICO MAY BENEFIT FROM A FREE MARKET THAT ENCOURAGES DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCES REVENUES FOR NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the efficient exploration, production and transportation of crude oil in New Mexico prevents waste of the state's natural resources, contributes nearly one-third of the general fund revenues for the operation of state government and promotes the economic welfare of New Mexico in general; and

WHEREAS, the tax revenues derived from the oil industry have greatly benefited New Mexico public schools, higher education, critical infrastructure development and public health and safety programs; and

WHEREAS, the 1970s federal law prohibiting most crude oil

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1 exports is a relic from an era of oil scarcity arising from the
2 Arab embargo; and

3 WHEREAS, the price of a barrel of oil in the United States
4 sells for less than the price of a barrel of oil in the
5 international market, and at times the price differential has
6 been nearly twenty dollars (\$20.00) a barrel; and

7 WHEREAS, lifting the crude oil export ban will increase
8 employment in New Mexico and will maximize state revenues by
9 adding millions of dollars; and

10 WHEREAS, allowing American crude oil exports will
11 strengthen United States geopolitical influence by giving its
12 trading partners and allies a source of supply more secure than
13 depending on crude oil from Russia and the Middle East; and

14 WHEREAS, the world's other major oil-producing nations
15 allow crude oil exports, making America the only nation that
16 does not take full advantage of trading a valuable resource in
17 what is an otherwise global free market; and

18 WHEREAS, numerous studies have found that allowing
19 American crude oil into the world's free market will benefit
20 New Mexico and United States trade and American consumers while
21 creating more jobs for New Mexicans; and

22 WHEREAS, studies have found tremendous prospective gross
23 domestic product growth from lifting the 1970s-era ban; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States is the largest exporter of
25 refined petroleum products and would benefit even more from the

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1 export of both crude oil and refined petroleum products; and

2 WHEREAS, encouraging a global marketplace that is free
3 from artificial barriers will ultimately economically benefit
4 New Mexico, the rest of the United States and its friends
5 around the world;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's
8 congressional delegation be requested to recognize that crude
9 oil exports and free trade are in the national interest and
10 take all necessary steps to eliminate the current ban on crude
11 oil exports; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the
14 president of the United States, the United States secretary of
15 commerce, the United States secretary of energy, the majority
16 leader of the United States senate and the speaker of the
17 United States house of representatives.